

**RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT COORDINATING COMMITTEE**  
**Department of Natural Resources**  
**Room 1060**  
**September 14, 2004**

Minutes

Member Present:

SOWARDS, Glade – Utah Energy Office  
KEENE, Michael – Office of Technology & Science  
HARTY, Kimm – Utah Geological Survey  
CANNING, Michael – Division of Wildlife Resources  
ZAREKARIZI, Susan – State Parks & Recreation  
DANIELS, Ron – Division of Oil, Gas & Mining  
FROST, Kim – Department of Natural Resources

Others Present:

WRIGHT, Carolyn – Department of Natural Resources  
LANDURETH, Brenda – Department of Natural Resources  
RIGTRUP, Keith – Bureau of Land Management  
HIGDON, Matthew – Bureau of Land Management  
MANNING, Jared – Division of Water Rights

**I. Approval of Minutes**

Glade Sowards called the meeting to order at approximately 9:00 a.m.  
Glade Sowards made a simple revision to the August minutes under item II. To read “the Utah Energy Office provided a report on the economic impacts from a single gas well at the Uinta Basin Energy Days” and under item V. the date of the meeting is September 14, 2004. Mike Keene moved to approve the August 10, 2004 minutes with these changes. Kimm Harty seconded the motion. The August minutes were approved unanimously.

**II. Special Discussion/Presentations**

Glade Sowards introduced Kim Frost, Research Consultant II, she works with John Harja, Carolyn Wright and Val Payne on policy and planning. She works for the Department of Natural Resources, Administration and Kim will be coordinating comments.

Kim Frost provided the following update. U.S. Highway 6 comments are due in October. The Roadless Inventory Rule comment period has been extended into November. Comments for the Price Resource Management Plan are past due. Please submit comments as soon as possible.

**II. Reports from Agencies on Any Anticipated Projects**

Mike Keene provided an update on the telescope array project and the Auger Cosmic Ray Project. The Telescope Array Project is in progress. The Auger Project may require the National Environmental Policy Act process. Matthew Higdon will coordinate with local officials and the newspaper to better educate the public about both projects.

Matthew Higdon reported that the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is seeking comments for the Vernal and Richfield Resource Management Plans (RMP) by October 2004. The preliminary draft of the Vernal RMP is delayed for several months. Comments are due on

the Price RMP on October 14, 2004.

Jean Nitschke-Sinclair, Bureau of Land Management, will give a presentation to RDCC about the EOG Resources oil and gas development that is located 30 miles south of Vernal. A public meeting will be held on September 21, 2004.

Matthew Higdon reported that in one week the BLM will have a searchable database with an electronic notification bulletin board to search for environmental assessments and issues in various field offices.

Susan Zarekarizi asked if comments were received from Terry Clark for the Price RMP. State Parks and Recreation is involved in the Range Creek planning process. To obtain a copy contact Chris Colt as at (435) 636-0279 or call Glade Sowards to answer any questions.

Mike Canning announced that Kevin Conway passed away and that Alan Clark and Dean Mitchell will be assisting Miles Moretti.

BLM announced that Strawberry Valley oil and gas lease sale are not part of the RDCC review process. In December, lease sales will only be formally protested via the Internet. Matt will investigate this.

Ron Daniels, Division of Oil, Gas Board Hearing will be held at 10:00 a.m., on Wednesday, September 8, 2004, in Nephi, Utah at the courthouse. There will be short field tour. The new rule making process will allow the division to collect bonds for mining reclamation.

Glade Sowards announced that the Project Management Library has been repaired. Please check for priority items.

### **III. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:22 a.m. The next meeting will be held on October 12, 2004, at 9:00 a.m., in room 1060.